



Join us for Mass on
Monday, August 15,
at 8:15am or 7:00pm
to celebrate the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Detail from a painting of the
Assumption by Italian artist
Titian, who died in 1576.*



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

August 14, 2011 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Prayer—Looking at Life Through God's Eyes

Recently Fr. Freddy D'Souza, a Capuchin priest from India who is presently ministering in Bahrain, came to visit me. We met several years ago when I led a pilgrimage to Dubai and Egypt.

It was his first visit to the United States. In his ten-day visit, I had the opportunity to show him around San Diego and do the "tourist thing." We saw many of the wonderful attractions that are available to us in "America's Finest City."

The days were relaxing not only for him, but also, for me. I am always amazed at what I feel and what I experience when I act as

the "tour guide." San Diego looks so different. I see things again "as for the first time."

I am in the midst of this area day in and day out, but get caught up with Parish concerns, family concerns, and my own personal concerns, and lose sight of this beautiful locality in which we live. It takes another person, "from the outside," to visit and, somehow, I begin to look at the context in which I live in a fresh and new light.

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Did You Know?

**Our total water bill for FY 2010 - 2011 was \$22,140. And that is without the effervescence!!
It takes several weekly Offertory collections to pay for just this one utility bill.**

**Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps the Finance Council's efforts
to maintain a balanced budget year after year.**

**Please don't throw away the envelope that is attached to this week's Bulletin.
Please use it and put in it whatever monetary gift you can afford.**

No gift is too small or too large!

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Sunday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

As I begin to look at the area with the help of a tourist's eyes, I am more aware, once again, of my context. I see its beauty that I often neglect. I become more appreciative of my life and the wider world in which my life is lived. All my concerns, worries, and problems are then tempered by this wider context of life of which I am reminded.

This is what prayer is and does in our lives! If we invite God to be a guest in our lives, if we accept God's request to have a tour of our lives, if we act as the "tour guide" for God to see the context in which we live, we begin to look at our lives with a new and fresh pair of eyes.

Spending time with God in prayer helps us to see things again "as for the first time." We are reminded of the beauty of life, its fragility, and its shortness. The problems, concerns, and worries that we estimate to be so important and overwhelming are placed in the larger context of life. We find balance. We realize that we are not alone. Our concerns become manageable, sometimes even insignificant, as we look at the context of our life through God's eyes. We are reminded of what is really important. We are made aware, once again, of the bigger picture that life on earth is just one frame in the reel of eternal life with God.

God is the tourist who wants to visit you in the context in which you live. Invite God in! Give God a tour! You will see the people and the situations of your life again "as for the first time."

F. Mike

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$21,000
from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org**

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, August 14 (118)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 56:1,6-7
 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
 Romans 11:13-15,29-32
 Matthew 15:21-28

Monday, August 15 (622)
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
 Psalm 45:10bc,11-12ab,16
 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16 (420)
Stephen of Hungary
 Judges 6:11-24a
 Psalm 85:9,11-14
 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 17 (421)
 Judges 9:6-15
 Psalm 21:2-7
 Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 18 (422)
 Judges 11:29-39a
 Psalm 40:5,7-10
 Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 19 (423)
John Eudes, priest
 Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22
 Psalm 146:5-10
 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 20 (424)
Bernard, abbot, doctor
 Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17
 Psalm 128:1-5
 Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, August 21 (121)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 22:19-23
 Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
 Romans 11:33-36
 Matthew 16:13-20

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Patrick Attardo
 Mary Balli
 Alexandra Banwell
 Patricia Barbour
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Allan Boehne
 Lynda Brady
 Ethel M. Brogan
 Monica Broussard
 George Brown
 Janet Brown
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 The Christensen Family
 Pat Christopherson
 The Cipowski & Bednarz Families
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 The Dagdayan & Serrano Families
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 The Dawson Family
 Claire De Ainza
 Beverly de Gelder
 Bernard Delaney
 Judith DiMatteo
 The Dossman & Mitchell Families
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 Sharon Evans
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 Chuck Fay
 Larry, Shirley, and April Ferguson
 The Fiore Family
 The Fischer Family
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Brian Frink
 Carmen Garcia
 The Golden Family
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 The Guyer Family
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Stephanie Herman
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 Richard Lynn
 James MacArthur
 Claude Mann
 Nancy Marley
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Carol Michael
 Walt & Rita Mikridge
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 R. Northrup
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Marilyn Overton
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 James Porter
 Anne Post
 Jack Riley
 Clinton Ritchie
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Kimberly Schlunt
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Mike Snyder
 The Solomon Family
 Nick Soltau
 Fred Spiegl
 Gilda Spiegl
 Dorothy Staehr
 Ted Stanislawski
 Jo & George Stephens
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 David Sweet
 Sarah Tillinghast
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Bob Vita
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Paul & Mai Vo & Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 DeKenya Williams & Family

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Aug 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
 Aug 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

Aug 26 *JustFaith* Potluck and Information Session
 Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner

The Year Ahead

Sept 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
 Sept 11 RE.A.CH Classes begin
 Sept 18 New Member Reception
 Sept 25 Vodka Tasting Party
 Sept 30-Oct 1 Women's Fellowship Retreat
 Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
 Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat

Next Year

Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
 Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception
 June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, August 13, 5:00pm Zoe Dorsa ☩
Sunday, August 14, 8:30am Michelle Dvorcek ☩
Sunday, August 14, 10:30am George Kleekamp ☩
Monday, August 15, 8:15am Marge Heath ☩
Monday, August 15, 7:00pm Herman Calandro ☩
Tuesday, August 16, 8:15am Leah Stevens
Wednesday, August 17, 8:15am John McKenna ☩
Thursday, August 18, 8:15am Gene Bell ☩
Friday, August 19, 8:15am Vickie Hitchcock
Saturday, August 20, 5:00pm Richard & Marcy Bernier
Sunday, August 14, 8:30am Ernesto & Elena Voza ☩
Sunday, August 14, 10:30am Bill & Theresa Goeltz

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
 Major Robert Bechtold, USMC
 PFC John Brandone
 1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC
 Corp. Willie Deel
 Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
 MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
 Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army
 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
 Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
 LCPL Matthew Rocha
 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
 Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Thank you for your prayers for Lt. Col. Scott Wadle, USMC who has returned safely.

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

August 15 Sr. Peggy Garfield, CSN
August 16 Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
August 17 Sr. Virginia Gillis, RSM
August 18 Sr. Rose Frances Gilmore, OLVM
August 19 Sr. Barbara Goergen, OSF
August 20 Sr. Maria de la Luz Gomez, SJS
August 21 Sr. Ma. Engracia Gonzalez, SJS

Announcing the Baptisms of

Marco Cesar Bloom
 Antonia Louise Jaime
 Daniel Esequiel Jaime, Jr.
 Luka Marcelic
 Madison Marie Sullivan
 on August 13, 2011



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend have been given by **Elaine & Paul Cassidy** in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary on August 16.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dorothy Jensen, who died on May 8. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 6, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Peggy Fischer, who died on August 4. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 20, at 10:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband Jack and the family in your prayers.

Larry Solomon, who died on August 8. His funeral services were held on August 11 at St. Francis of Assisi in Vista. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
 Next date: Friday, September 2.

*For more information, contact
 the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

Helping Seminarians

We continue to collect laundry supply items and personal hygiene items for our seminarian, Ricardo Juárez Frausto, and his fellow seminarians. Bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks!

STM Scrip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.
Ask about our travel Scrip opportunities!

Thanks to all who support our Parish Building Fund by purchasing Scrip gift cards!

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online at www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Social Ministries/Outreach

A Solution That Really Works!

North County Solutions for Change, a Vista-based non-profit organization, has a unique program that can solve family homelessness in our area. Their 1000-day program uses a university-style model that consists of 500 days at a family housing campus and 500 days off campus in independent housing. Adults must forgo drugs and alcohol, search for a job, pay a portion of their rent, and save 30 percent of what they earn. Families work with coaches in a team-oriented environment to focus on financial planning, parenting skills, recovery programs, and anger management. To date, Solutions for Change has helped 600 families transform their lives and become working, healthy, and productive members of our community.

STM Parishioners have been supporting various Solutions programs and initiatives for almost a decade, coordinated by a Social Ministries committee at STM. Last fall our Parish furnished food and entertainment for an open house at the Solutions Family Housing Center. Other activities have included providing financial support, plus donating furniture, Christmas gifts, school backpacks, books, and clothing for the residents, as well as preparing and serving a meal on the last Sunday of each month to residents at the Solutions Intake and Access Facility.

Last weekend STM parishioners learned about our Parish's commitment to offer financial support. For a family of three, Solutions needs \$7,500 per year for three years (a total of \$22,500) to supplement operational funds obtained from other sources. We can permanently change the lives of a homeless family. Special envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week and may be returned via the offertory collection or to the Parish Office any time during the month of August. If you have questions, contact Dick and Charlene Belprez, Committee Chairpersons, at 760-295-1431.

Healing for Those Affected by Abortion

Life Perspectives, a San Diego organization that sponsors the annual Life Walk and uses funds raised to promote a culture of life, helped to provide ads on Facebook inviting people to visit www.abortionchangesyou.com, a site that offers resources for anyone affected by abortion and wishing to explore the process of healing. Over 500 people responded to the ads. This year's Life Walk will be on October 29. Anyone interested in learning more about Life Walk is invited to a brunch on Saturday, August 20, 9:00-11:00am, or Saturday, August 27, 9:00-11:00am. Visit www.lifeperspectives.com for more information.

Social Justice Email "Hotline"

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture?

How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your e-mail address to: maureenb@stmoside.org

*You are not alone in your desire to follow
 Jesus' call for justice for all God's children.*

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

We will be on the plaza this weekend after Masses to help you sign up for Women's Guild if you haven't done so already. We want to get our membership booklet finished early to have ready for our first meeting in September. We are planning a great year for all of you.

Please let Ginny Cornwell know if any member of the Guild is ill and could use some prayers/card. Her number is 760-994-7866.

Thanks to all of you who have signed up already. We hope you will enjoy the STM's Women's Guild this year.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Treasures 2011

Our next volunteer and planning meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 16, 7:00-8:30pm** in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please join us as we continue to plan for our exciting October 8 fund raiser. Later this month we will have the tag sale information packets (including guidelines and pricing stickers) ready for pick up. Also watch for a volunteer sign up sheet listing specific tasks and times available on Saturday, October 8, 6:30am-1:30pm. Watch the bulletin for more information and please continue collecting 12 or more flea market items from your family member, friends, and neighbors for this FUNdraiser!

—Jerry and Judy Buoniconti, 760-758-5113.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Procreation: "It is the nature of love to overflow, to be life-giving. Thus, it is no surprise that marriage is ordained not only to growing in love but to transmitting life. 'By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love [is] ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory'" (Gaudium et Spes). To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Religious people sometimes debate who has the hardest vocation—a priest who lives a celibate life? a single person who lives in solitude? a single parent who does double duty? Or perhaps it is the married couple who constantly refine each other by pointing out each other's faults and asking for a change."

Parenting Pointers—How do you welcome your children's friends? Depending on age, they may want you to hang around. Older kids may be fine with a friendly greeting, an engaging question, then departing for a nearby room. Be present, interested, but not overbearing. Remember their names. Get to know the parents.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

Thank You

for your prayers for Paul Cipowski, who has been on the prayer list and recently died. They are much appreciated.

—Ed & Clarice Bednarz and Clarice's sister, Paul's wife.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! Phase II ~ Working to Break Ground

The journey is essential to the dream.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Pledge Statistics as of August 9

	Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,572,319	667
Still Needed	\$427,681	351
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,018
Total Collected	\$1,349,963	



O God, the builder of all things,
You have placed on us the obligation of toil.

Grant that the work we do
toward providing our faith community
with a permanent spiritual home
for prayer, nourishment and sacrifice
may serve to better our lives
and give you greater honor and glory.

Through your goodness,
may our acts of generosity,
given not merely from our excess
but also from our need,
contribute to the spread of the kingdom of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Got Costume Jewelry?

Parishioner Debbie Ipsen is getting a head start on next year's Golf Classic—she plans to design and create a Christmas tree wall hanging from costume jewelry similar to the one pictured and donate it as an auction item.



Please bring any costume jewelry you would like to donate to the Parish Office during the week. Any items not used for the project will be forwarded to the Treasures 2011 Mega Flea Market. Visit www.stmoside.org/golf to see a full color rendition of the sample.

Questions? Call Debbie Ipsen at 760-723-0402. Thanks!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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WHY WE SING WHAT WE SING

Second in a
three-part series
from the National
Association of
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Since music has such power to make things memorable for us, we sing certain texts at Mass to help us get them into our minds and hearts, and we sing at certain times so that music reinforces our memory of the actions as well as the words. Through our singing, we claim these words and these actions as ours and as important in our lives.

It's especially important that the we sing at Mass when the Scriptures are proclaimed and when we join in the Eucharistic Prayer. We sing the psalm to remind ourselves that the Scriptures belong to all of us and that we are all called to know and live the Scriptures. We sing *Alleluia* to welcome the Gospel reading because this text tells us about Jesus, whose life and resurrection we share and whose act of self-offering we are called to imitate. We sing at least three times during the Eucharistic Prayer: at the Holy, at the memorial acclamation, and at the final *Amen*. We sing the Holy to acclaim the God who has done such marvelous things for us, and we unite our song with all of creation (we join our song to that of "the angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven"). We sing the memorial acclamation to remind ourselves of the mystery at the heart of our faith: It is in Christ that we are made whole and united to God. It is through his resurrection that we will enter, finally and completely, into heavenly union with God. We sing *Amen* at the end of the prayer to signal our agreement with what the priest has prayed in our names and to acknowledge that we want to live as dedicated a life as Jesus Christ lived, faithful to the will of the Father. (This simple word is the most important text that we sing each week!)

We also sing each time there's a procession at Mass. We do this to remind ourselves that we are on a

pilgrimage, that we are headed toward a heavenly home, but we're not there yet. These are the songs of our journey from God, with God, and toward God: They get the words of faith and hope and love into our very being for the times when the journey becomes hard and the road rough. So we sing at the entrance of the ministers, at the presentation of the gifts, and at communion time. Each time someone recalls our journey by movement through the community, we sing. We even sing while we're in procession at communion, because this moment, as we move toward communion with Christ in the sacrament, is a model of our whole life, of our journey with and in Christ. By singing, we claim this action in all its richness.



O LORD
my God,
I will give
you thanks
forever.
Psalm 30:12

We may sing at other times as well, at Mass and at other celebrations. Often, these additional times are also journey moments, times associated with our pilgrimage as God's people. At Mass, we may sing as we leave church, going out to be the body of Christ in service to the world. At weddings, we might sing after the bride and groom exchange

vows and rings, as they begin their journey in the sacrament together. At funerals, we sing at the final commendation and farewell, as this person's body begins its journey to its final resting place and as the spirit journeys to full union with God. At confirmations and ordinations, we sing for the Spirit to be with those who are beginning a new phase of their pilgrimage and their service to the church.

Whether the song is praise or petition, we sing to get that text into our hearts and to express the emotions that garb our faith. We sing because faith and hope and the love rooted in them are the most important things in life. Singing, the ancient Christian teachers said, is something that belongs to lovers. It's not something we do just to pretty up the liturgy; singing, like love, is an act that helps us find out where we belong and where we're going.

Singing calls us to focus our attention on what we're doing, more than anything else we might do. It makes us use our minds to attend to the words and the melody; it causes us to bring our whole body to this action of singing: We use our lungs, our diaphragm, our vocal cavity, our voice, and even our back and our legs and arms if we're going to sing well. Such singing, such attention, such total involvement was also commended by the ancient teachers. The old proverb that says: "Someone who sings prays twice."

Next week: *Should You Sing?*



Upcoming Music

AUGUST 21
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
 Director of Faith Formation
 kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

Launching !

Last-Minute RE.A.CH Sign Ups:

(includes all programs listed below)

SUNDAY after all the Masses

for all registered Parishioners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

for preschool, kindergarten,
 Elementary, and middle school

Ages 3, 4, 5

- Meet September 11-May 20
- Two times a month
- During the entire 10:30am Mass

Ages 6-13

- Meet September 11-May 20
- Two times a month
- Either
 - 12:30-2:00pm
 - or 5:00-6:30pm

Home Sessions are outlined
 for the weeks that are not
 Church Sessions.

Faith Formation is a partnership
 with Church Catechists
 supporting parents in their
 responsibility to develop children
 in the Faith.

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

for high school

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- **Phase 1** welcomes high schoolers
 of all ages who would like to continue
 developing their faith and/or begin the
 Confirmation process.

P₂

- **Phase 2** is for those who have
 completed Phase 1 (or attended
 Catholic high school for one year) and
 are committed to prepare for
 Confirmation in 2012.

P₃ = LEAD

- **Phase 3** welcomes teens already
 Confirmed who wish to share this gift
 with other teens through leadership
 and community-building.

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2011 GOAL: 365 jars
 Collected to date: 376 jars

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

Welcoming Strangers: A Mark of Christian Stewardship

Companies that specialize in household moving tell us that summer is their busiest time. Kids are out of school and families make changes. If you're planning an August move, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, there's a backlog for transporting goods.

The 2010 U.S. Census data revealed that 37.5 million Americans moved that year. Many of them were moving to take advantage of better housing or to find new jobs. Undoubtedly, each of them experienced a certain amount of upheaval and rootlessness.

Worldwide, the United Nations reports over 43 million people are refugees or people displaced within their own countries due to political conflict, persecution, and calamitous natural disasters.

Over half of these are children. These staggering numbers present a challenge and an opportunity for the Catholic steward.

A number of Catholic Charities agencies are actively involved in the resettlement of refugees. In our own country, many citizens have been uprooted from their homes due to recession and foreclosure. Most dioceses and parishes are actively involved in helping the homeless or the newly relocated. It only takes a phone call to discover how you can help with material assistance, food, or mentoring.

Many parishes experience a steady stream of new members, especially in the fall. *It is important to be aware of this situation and welcome folks that we have not yet met. Remember the shortest distance between two people is a smile :-)*

Recently, a news report featured a young man who had fled with his family to the Syrian-Turkish border to escape the Syrian government's repression. The man held his newborn son up to the camera. One could imagine a similar scene in the Gospel of Matthew where Joseph took Mary and fled with the infant Jesus into Egypt.

The movement of peoples is a story as old as history. At some time in our lives, most of us will probably feel as if we are strangers. How we respond to this feeling in others will be a mark of our Christian stewardship.

—*excerpted from ICSC Parish Stewardship, August 2011 (with permission)*

Most of us have, at one time or other, been the 'new kid on the block' as well as the neighborhood, school, church, etc. I was the 'new kid' lots more times than I liked, so am especially cognizant of that feeling. Since that time, welcoming all has been a priority to me. I invite you to join me in welcoming all to STM!



**Hope sends us dancing around the dark corners
trusting in a common tomorrow we cannot see.**

—Joan Chittister, OSB

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



**Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for Week of August 6/7, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,018
Offertory*	\$	17,673.84
Offertory (Loose Collection)		942.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	18,616.84

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra 'mail-back' envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish.office@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News from the Larger Church

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit www.catholicradioofsandiego.com for details.

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults., including *Theology on Tap*.

Summer Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on several different presentations by Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, and Barbara Hughes during August.

Interfaith Community Services Annual Meeting in Escondido—*Talk with Me, Walk with Me: Celebrating the Interfaith Success Story*, Wednesday, August 31, 11:00am (includes lunch), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

2255 Felicita Rd., Escondido. RSVP by August 22 to mferro@interfaithservices.org.

Concert at Áegis Assisted Living in Oceanside—Thursday, September 8, 6:00-8:00pm, right next door to St. Thomas More! Enjoy an evening of uncompromising fun with free valet parking, delightful live music, and delicious food and wine—a free community event. Features Caravan, specializing in songs from the 20's through the 90's. Please RSVP by September 5 to 760-806-3600.

Weekly Rosary in Carlsbad—A group of North County Parishioners meets every Monday from 10:00-10:30am to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers to promote a culture of life. For more information, please call Richard Hodges at 760-439-3415 or Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

News from St. Francis Church

“Try Us, You’ll Like Us!” **FREE TRIAL** *

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Questions?

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Friday, August 26, 6:00-9:00pm
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(includes potluck dinner)

OR

Friday, September 9, 6:00-9:00pm
at St. Francis
(includes dessert)



Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

—Psalm 82:3-4

www.justfaith.org

JustFaith Information Meeting Response Form Please complete and return to Parish Office or Offertory Collection Basket

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

____ Yes, I plan to attend the potluck and meeting at St. Thomas More on August 26 and will bring _____

____ Yes, I plan to attend the dessert and meeting at St. Francis on September 9 and will bring _____

____ No, I cannot attend either meeting, but please let me know about *JustFaith* program plans.